

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Magendanz et al. Attorney Docket No: MICRO247
Serial No: 09/770,337 Group Art Unit: 2174
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BROWSING PROPERTIES OF AN
ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT

PROPOSED TELEPHONE INTERVIEW AGENDA

Bellevue, Washington 98004

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

Status of the Claims

Claims 1–27 remain pending in the application.

Procedural History

In the Final Office Action dated April 20, 2006, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-13 as being unpatentable over Buxton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,469,714, hereinafter “Buxton”) in view of Berry et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,789,962, hereinafter “Berry”) and in view of Grossman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,852,440, hereinafter “Grossman”). The Examiner has also rejected Claims 14-27 as being unpatentable over Buxton in view of Berry.

Discussion with Respect to Independent Claim 1

Applicants’ attorney would like to discuss the cited references in regard to independent Claim 1. Clarification is requested regarding what portion of any of these references teach applicants’ recited step of “creating a customized palette for the user interface **so that the palette comprises a control only for an available property.**” (Emphasis added.)

Discussion with Respect to Independent Claim 14

Applicants’ attorney would also like to discuss the cited references in regard to independent Claim 14. More specifically, clarification is requested as to which elements in the citation to Berry teach or suggest applicants’ claim recitation of “... such that the palette and an activated associated content of the palette do not *obscure the viewing content area* occupied by the electronic document.”

1 The Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' attorney at the number given below so
2 that a mutually convenient time for the telephone interview can be arranged before a response is filed
3 to the Final Office Action.

4 Respectfully submitted,

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